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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Project Cover Officer

5 November 1957

**THROUGH** : Deputy Project Director

: Project Director of Administration

**SUBJECT** : Air Weather Service Proposal to Conduct U-2 Data  
Missions as Contributions to the International  
Geophysical Year Program

**REFERENCE** : Memorandum for Project Director, dated 4 November  
1957, same subject (SAPC-20859)

1. My own reaction is to agree with your personal view that we should cooperate with AWS by running a few weather missions to provide data which would be exchanged with other governments participating in the IGY. I share your feeling that this will strengthen our cover story and will give an opportunity to call specifically to the attention of the Russians the valid mission of the U-2 aircraft employed in the NACA/AWS program.

2. Unless dissent is expressed by others, I suggest that you discuss this matter with [REDACTED] to ascertain their views. Also, we should consider what operational problems might be involved in running the proposed mission from [REDACTED]. This would presumably require a staging operation, which would involve a great deal of trouble unless it could be done in the very near future while Detachment A's base is still operational.

3. I would appreciate learning the results of these further explorations together with such details as the desired timing of the missions and your recommendation at your earliest convenience.

RMB:djm

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